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South Main raises concern

Committee proposes plans to relieve congestion by upgrading side streets

By VALERIE MOSSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

The South Main Street Committee presented its proposals to relieve traffic pressure on South Main Street at Maryville's City Council meeting on Monday.

The committee's proposal includes short-term and long-term projects. The projected time of completion for the short-term projects is five years and long-term projects should be completed within 15 years.

The plans will not concentrate solely on South Main but equip residents with alternate routes such as South Mulberry and South Saunders, Matt Chesnut, director of public works, said.

According to the committee's report, the short-term projects include installing a left-turn lane and signal for all four directions at the intersection of South Avenue and Main Street. The plan also includes construction of a sidewalk/bike path from the inter-

section of South Avenue and Main Street to the new middle school, installation of a 12-inch water main beginning at the intersection of South Avenue and Main Street and will proceed southward to South Hills Drive and an overlay on East South Avenue leading to the bypass.

The committee also recommended the payment plan for the estimated \$709,200 short-term projects to be "pay-as-you-go" method.

The committee recommended the overlay project be financed through the city's STP allocation from Missouri Department of Transportation, which is worth approximately \$450,000.

The long-term projects include widening and paving South Saunders Street between Torrance Street and South Avenue, extending South Saunders Street between South Avenue and South Hills Drive, extending South Mulberry Street from South Avenue to Maryville High School and extending South Mulberry Street from

Maryville High School southward to Missouri Highway V.

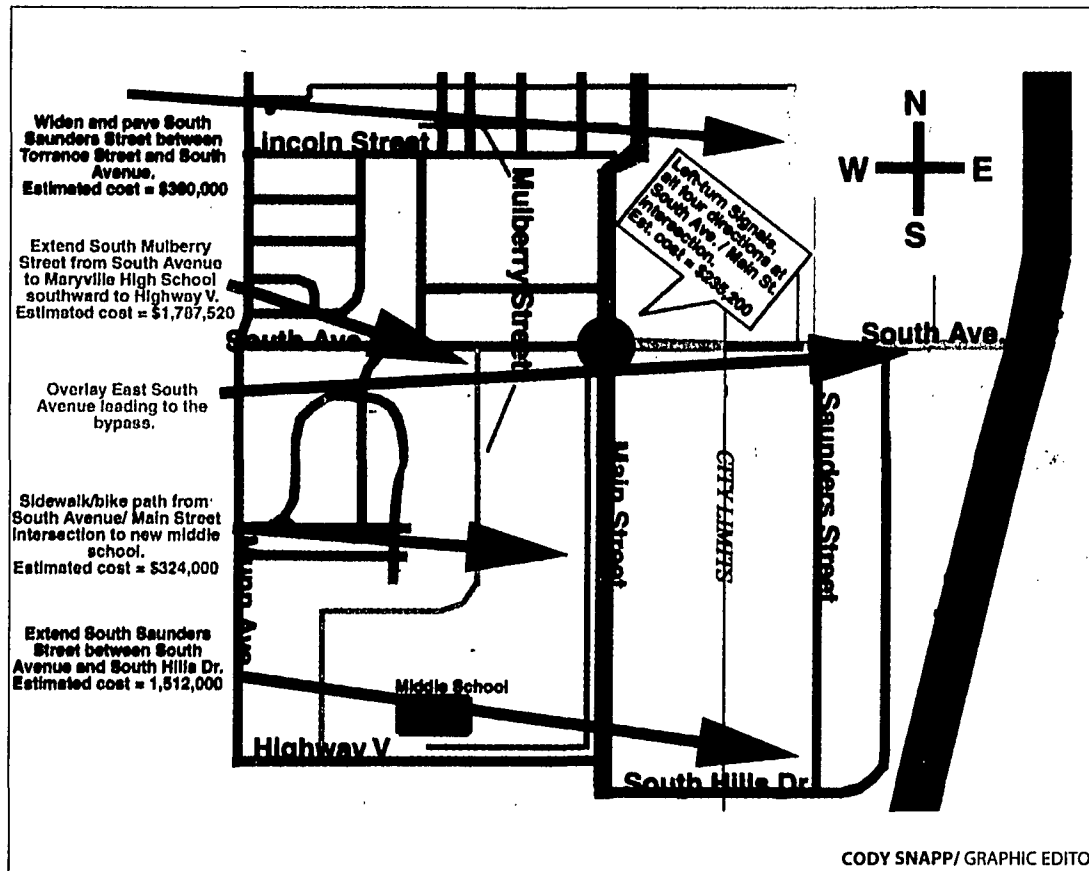
The extensions of South Saunders Street and both instances of extension of South Mulberry Street will require the acquisition of additional land and annexation in the instance of the South Saunders Street extension.

Payment recommendations were made to the council by the committee. However, no particular payment plan has been established at this time.

"The committee looked at the cost of what needed to be done and financing in traditional ways by bond, sales and property tax," City Manager David Angerer said.

Angerer said that the committee did its homework to calculate the cost of how much of a tax increase would be needed to do the work, including the worst possible case scenarios.

"That is the beauty of it," Angerer said. "City council asked what is will do to taxes and kept it from becoming pipe dreams."



A HERO TAKEN, A lesson learned

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

He will be remembered for what he did throughout his NFL career, but what many should not forget is how abruptly human life can end when not wearing a seat belt.

A memorial service at Kemper Arena for Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas Tuesday was not only remembered him but delivered a message.

"It's taken Derrick's passing to buckle my seat belt," Chiefs head coach Gunther Cunningham said. "But I will wear it every time I get in my car."

Fans paid respects to the linebacker the beginning of week at Arrowhead Stadium Monday and Derrick Thomas died Feb. 8 in a Miami hospital from complications resulting from a single-car accident Jan. 23.

Over 6,000 fans said their farewells to Thomas at Kemper, and many of them said they are still about shock in how their star died.

"It's been sad times for me since Derrick's death and it is hard to believe how such a great person's life could end early and in a car wreck," Kansas City native Tonya Edwards said.

Another Kansas City native who could not endure the pain of staying the entire service because of what Thomas represented to him said seat belts will also play a major role in his life.

"People need to be reminded of how easy life can be taken away from and how easy it is to slip on your seat belts," Russel Razo said.

During the service 15 speakers shared their thoughts about Thomas which lasted for three hours.

Thomas's friend and comedian Joe Torre told those in attendance not to think of how short Thomas's life was but to remember what he brought to everybody he met.

"Derrick Thomas will be missed, but when people mourn over how he died at such a young age, they need to remember another person who died at 33 — Jesus Christ," Torre

said.

Thomas was not just an asset to his football team, but he was considered a major influence in the community for accomplishments such as the Third and Long Foundation.

"Where does one begin to even attempt to reflect on this young man," said Chiefs president and general manager Carl Peterson. "This was a man who lived 28 hours in 24 every day. He lived 75 years in 33 years."

Even in Maryville residents like the Harr family grieve over the death of how an influential person became vulnerable by not wearing a seat belt.

"We were in an accident in 1988," Mary Kay Harr said. "We were not wearing seat belts and rolled our truck. The doctors gave me a zero percent chance to live and I'm still here. It was an act of God and we always need to buckle up."

DERRICK THOMAS 1967-2000

■ Selected by Chiefs in first round of 1989 NFL draft.

■ Chosen nine times for the Pro Bowl, the most of any player in Chiefs history

■ Owns Chiefs records for sacks, 119.5; safeties 3, and fumble recoveries, 18

■ In 1990, set NFL mark with seven sacks in a game and set Chiefs single-season mark with 28 sacks

■ Ranks ninth in NFL history with 126 career quarterback sacks

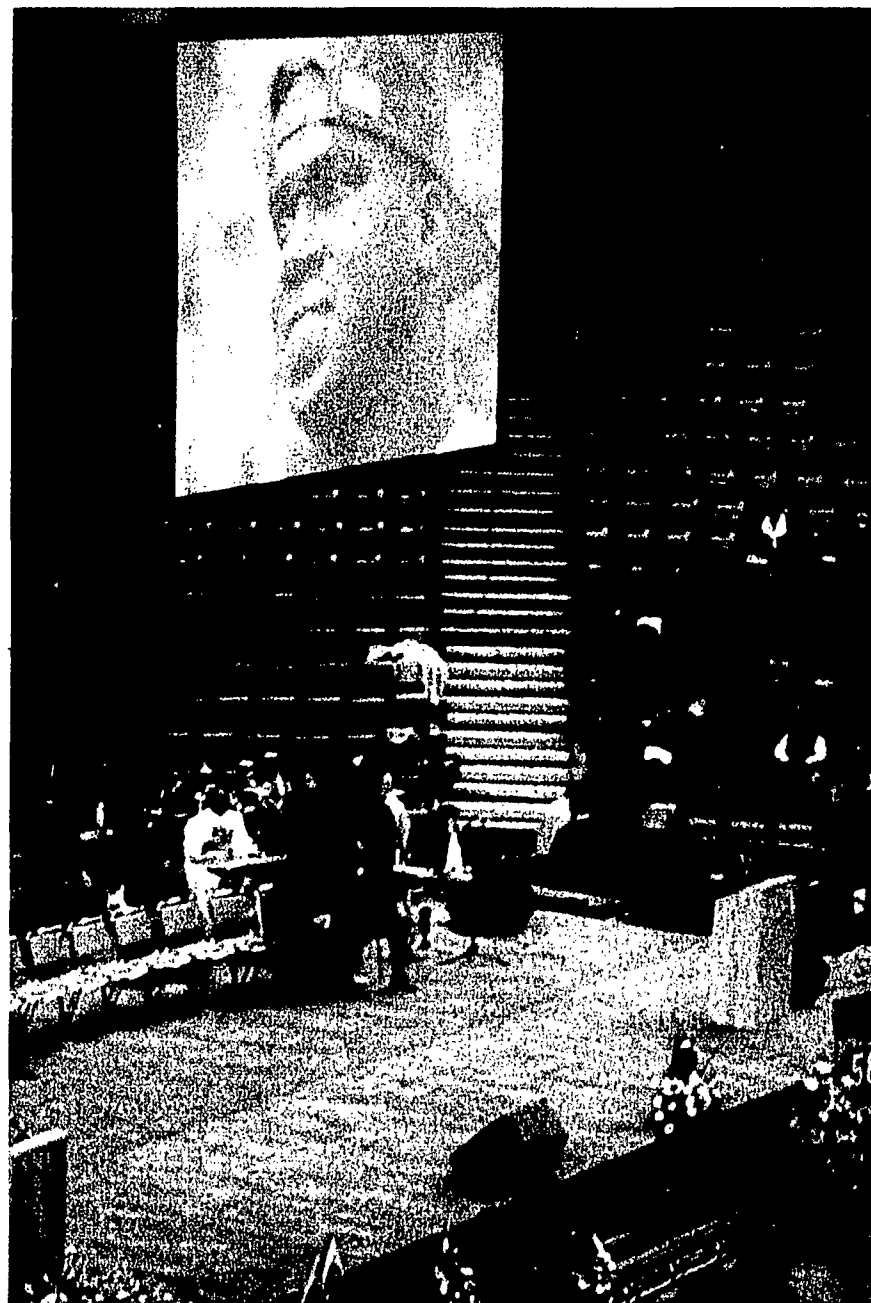
■ Led NFL in sacks during the 1990s

■ Won the NFL Man of the Year award in 1993

■ Won the Byron White Humanitarian Award in 1995

■ Founded "Third and Long Foundation" to encourage kids to read and appeared at libraries weekly, reading to youth.

CODY SNAPP/ GRAPHICS EDITOR



Above: An image of Derrick Thomas is displayed high above the golden casket where Thomas rests. A memorial service was held Tuesday at Kemper Arena. Speakers included Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt and General manager, Carl Peterson. At Left: A Kansas City Chiefs flag flies at half mast for Derrick Thomas. The flag is located at 310 S. Buchanan and is owned by Bill and Mary Kay Harr.

Students to soon access STAR account via web

By JOSH FLAHARTY
MANAGING EDITOR

Northwest's computing services department is currently working on a plan to allow students to access their STAR account via the Internet.

The new WebSTAR page should be ready for a pilot test sometime this summer with a prospective launch date set for fall 2000 said Girija Chavala, computer information systems manager.

The new page will allow Northwest students access to information such as their class schedules, transcripts, billing information, voting in student elections and enrollment. It will be accessible from a link on the Northwest homepage.

"The enrollment is not done yet," Chavala said. "That's because it is a big system. It may not be ready for the summer pilot."

Some additions are already being considered for the new system, Chavala said.

"In the future, we are thinking

about adding financial aid information so students can see if their award package is done," she said.

The WebSTAR program was initiated because of student requests for easier access to voting.

Currently, students can only access their STAR accounts from computers on the Northwest campus which are equipped with VAX access.

The change is also taking place because the VAX systems are being phased out of use in favor of newer Graphic User Interface (GUI) technology.

The new system will be accessible from any computer with Internet access.

However, Chavala said the new system is more secure and only Northwest students will be able to access the information.

Everyone involved in the project is eagerly waiting the first test, Chavala said.

"We're excited about it," she said. "It took quite a bit of programming to do."

Nudity at auction raises concern, investigation

By BURTON TAYLOR
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS REPORTER

Concern has been raised after a Northwest football player stripped Thursday at the Alpha Phi Alpha Date Auction, which was intended to raise sexual awareness, among other things.

"I thought it was a nice showing of the male body," bidder Stacey Wilson said of football player Marcel Smith, after he took off all of his clothes and sprayed whipped cream on his genitalia.

Although she thought the event was fun, Wilson said as the evening progressed the actions got out of hand.

"It was a lot of fun, but then it went to another level that it didn't need to go to," she said.

Smith was one of more than 20 men who took part in the event. Other participants included fraternity members, basketball players, track team members and other athletes.

The event was intended to raise sexual awareness, entertain students and raise money for the fraternity's scholarship fund, said Anthony Pledger, Alpha Phi Alpha president.

Mark Maasen, a Delta Chi member up for auction at the event, said the event started out fine, but ended with a naked body.

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MARK MAASEN
DELTA CHI

said. "And it ended up being like a strip show."

He said the event may have offended some in the audience and it did not give him the best feeling either.

"I just kind of felt like a piece of meat," he said.

Although some of the actions at the event may have been fun for some, it also may be in violation of University policies.

Carol Cowles, vice president for student affairs, said she is investigating what took place at the event, but has not pinpointed if anyone was at fault or if any policies were violated.

Policies in question, printed in the Student Handbook, include a sexual harassment clause and two class "C" violations.

Sexual harassment is defined as "any unwelcome attention of a sexual

nature."

The violations in the handbook entail inappropriate behavior (No. 9 under class "C" violations) and a violation of University policy, city ordinances, or state and federal laws that are not addressed in the handbook (No. 13 under class "C" violations). An example would pertain to indecent exposure which is not noted in the handbook but is a violation of a city ordinance.

Cowles said right now she is not sure who is accountable or if there is anything anyone could be held accountable.

"My attention at this point is 'was it a violation of judicial code?' I don't know," Cowles said. "Was it inappropriate? Probably. Was it poor judgment? Definitely."

As an act of remorse for what took place at the fund-raising event, Pledger wrote a public apology to those in attendance at the auction.

"What I tried to do was rectify the situation with the individuals that were at the event," Pledger said.

Pledger said that the organization plans to hold another auction since he believes there was a good turn out and the results were positive.

See page 3A for apology letter from Anthony Pledger, Alpha Phi Alpha president.

■ Bids started at \$5
■ Money raised went to the organization
■ Condoms were handed out to potential bidders
■ Bids went as high as over \$50
■ Purpose of auction was to raise sexual awareness and provide funds for student activities

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Science Olympiad Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours 5 p.m., Beverly Health Center Project Prom/Project Graduation Chili supper 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Maryville High School cafeteria Movie, "Philadelphia" 7 p.m., Conference Center Guest writer, Paul Zimmer 8 p.m., Conference Center Organist, John Obetz 8 p.m., Conception Abbey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colloquium, "The Compatibility of Electronic Media and Interpersonal Communication" 3 p.m., Colden Hall, 3500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MENC Junior High Solo & Ensemble Music Festival Fine Arts Building, all day Women's basketball at University of Missouri-Rolla 5:30 p.m., Rolla Men's basketball at University of Missouri-Rolla 7:30 p.m., Rolla 'Cat Walk 9 a.m., Bearcat Arena Midnight Bowling Midnight to 3 a.m., Bearcat Lanes, \$1 Phi Sigma Kappa Volleyball tournament 9 a.m., Recreation Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band Concert 3 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater Student Employee of the Year nominations due European tour meeting 8 p.m., Fine Arts Building, Room 244
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President's Day Mid-term Examinations Intramural Bowling Entries Close Noon, Student Recreation Center Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church Al-A-Non 6 p.m., Maryville United Methodist Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington's Birthday Mid-term Examinations Career Services Mock Interview Day Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church Student Senate Meeting 7 p.m., Colden Hall, Room 3500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-term Examinations Women's basketball vs. Washburn University 5:30 p.m., Bearcat Arena Men's basketball vs. Washburn University 7:30 p.m., Bearcat Arena Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Complex Al-A-Non 6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Complex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-term Examinations Panhellenic Etiquette Dinner 6 p.m., Conference Center

City Council promotes technical education



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Mayor Dale Mathes reads an official proclamation declaring this week as Career and Technical Education Week during the City Council meeting on Monday. Career and Technical Education Week promotes skills that employers in northwest Missouri will need. Potential employees learn communication, problem-solving and also teamwork skills as a part of their education at the Northwest Technical School. Other activities include a community pancake breakfast at the Tech School on Thursday.

MARYVILLE

Boil order issued for part of Nodaway County

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources issued a boil order Tuesday for part of Nodaway County. The affected area is west of the 102 River and north of U.S. Highway 71, including Pickering, Mo., according to a department news release.

The order is for Nodaway County Public Water Service District #1, Public Water system identification #.1024428.

Officials declared the order because of low pressure and the potential for contamination to enter the distribution center; according to the release.

It will remain in effect until water samples indicate the bacteriological contamination isn't present. Residents in the area should take precautions.

Residence should boil water vigorously for three minutes prior to use for cooking or drinking.

NATIONAL

Eagle Scouts recognized for obtaining high ranks

The Boy Scouts of America Pony Express Council will recognize all Scouts who obtained the Eagle Scout rank in 1999 at the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner.

The dinner will be sponsored by various community leaders. Family and friends are invited to attend at an additional cost.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest rank a scout can obtain and only four percent of scouts achieve this

rank. The dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Riverfront Conference Center in St. Joseph.

For information, reservations or to sponsor an Eagle Scout, contact the Boy Scout Service Center at (816) 233-1351.

Annual Golf tournament scheduled for May

The 10th Annual Tobin Benefit Golf Classic has officially been scheduled for May 25-26. The tournament format will include a Thursday tee time at Mozingo Lake Golf Course, Women's and senior's divisions will be at the Maryville Country Club and there will be two tee times at Mozingo on Friday.

Tournament sponsors and Burlington Junction natives Bill and Vince Tobin plan to return this year, along with their family, in support of the St. Francis Hospital Foundation.

Proceeds from the tournament will go toward the purchase of a new communications system to be installed during the construction of the \$4.6 million expansion and renovation project. The system will link the hospital security system, emergency call system, Life Line and serve as the hospital paging system. The system will cost \$48,000.

Proceeds will also be used for wiring and lighting fixtures for the new emergency department. The estimated cost of this project is \$10,000.

The 1999 event generated more than \$97,000 in gross revenue, which was \$10,000 more than the previous year's total.

Vince Tobin is the head football coach for the Arizona Cardinals and Bill Tobin was the vice-president of football operations for the Indianapolis Colts.

NORTHWEST

Symphonies to feature guest performances

The semiannual Northwest Wind Symphony/Symphonic Band concert will be at 3 p.m. Feb. 20, in the Charles Johnson Theater.

A variety of music will be performed including music from "Star Wars" and various marches.

Several guests will be featured during the performance. Phil Clemons, assistant director of music at the University of Texas-Arlington, will be a guest conductor for the event. Also, three Northwest graduates will be performing in a trumpet trio: Charles Boyd, Chris Heil and Matt Bonsignore, all music educators in the Kansas City area.

Annual music festival brings variety to campus

The sound of music may be heard throughout the Northwest campus Saturday, as the Music Educators National Conference sponsors its annual music festival.

The festival will feature middle school students performing both musical solos and ensembles. Instrumental performances such as the piano, strings and a variety of band instruments will be featured at the event.

Northwest began sponsoring the festival in 1987. The purpose of the event is to give solo and ensemble

performances.

Entries for the event are approved on first-come, first-serve basis. Portions of the festival will take place in Brown Hall, the Fine Arts Building and the Charles Johnson Theater.

USDA-office interviewing for auditor Feb. 24

The USDA-office of inspector general, audit will be interviewing for an auditor Feb. 24. The position is open to accounting and Master's of Business Administration students.

Principal Financial group will be conducting on-campus interviews on March 8 for full-time positions and internships in general business and information systems. Resumes are due Feb. 22. The positions are open to computer science, computer management systems, finance, accounting, economics, marketing, business economics and business management majors.

Students can sign up through Web registration. Contact Career Services for more information at 562-1250.

Student Senate makes changes to its bylaws

In its meeting Tuesday night, Student Senate made changes to its bylaws, voted to recognize two organizations and allocated funds to two organizations.

The Commodores were given \$300 for stereo equipment and the American Marketing Association

was allocated \$850 for a conference in Louisiana.

Policy changes included a change to allow associate members the privilege to make motions, allowing Senate president and vice president the freedom to vote in committee meetings, and the organization made adjustments to the procedures pertaining to the recognition of new organizations.

Two organizations recognized at the meeting were the United States Institute for Theater Technology and the Students for a Free Tibet.

All students are welcome to attend Student Senate meetings at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Colden Hall, Room 3500.

United Nation club to compete for first time

Competing for the first time as a group, the Northwest Model United Nations Club will travel to St. Louis next week to take part in a four-day Midwest Model United Nations meeting.

The Midwest Model United Nations meeting is an opportunity for students to become active participants in a simulation of an actual General Assembly meeting. Groups made up of 14 delegates from approximately 100 colleges and universities, will be assigned a country to represent.

Northwest's Model United Nations Club, headed by President Melis Akiz, will be competing as representatives of Poland by defending and addressing problems and issues currently under consideration by the United Nations.

Adviser to the club Kevin

Buterbaugh said the groups will be judged throughout the meeting in several key areas including ability to communicate, ability to play the part of the assigned countries and ability to correctly use rules of procedure dictated by the United Nations.

The meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency at the Union Station in St. Louis Feb. 23 through Feb. 26.

Northwest spikers sign new player for fall

Northwest head volleyball coach Sarah Pelster announced the signing of Carrie Johnson to a national letter-of-intent.

Johnson, from Tripoli, Iowa, is a 5-9 outside hitter and was a member of the state championship team in Iowa last season. Johnson was selected to the first-team all-conference and all-district during her junior and senior seasons at Tripoli Community High School.

Johnson was also a standout in basketball and golf in high school. She started three seasons for her state qualifying basketball team and was voted all-conference during her senior year. Johnson also qualified for the state golf tournament.

She has been outstanding in the classroom as well serving as vice president of the student council and a member of the National Honor Society. She holds a 3.9 GPA and ranks sixth in her class.

Johnson will be a freshman at Northwest this coming fall.

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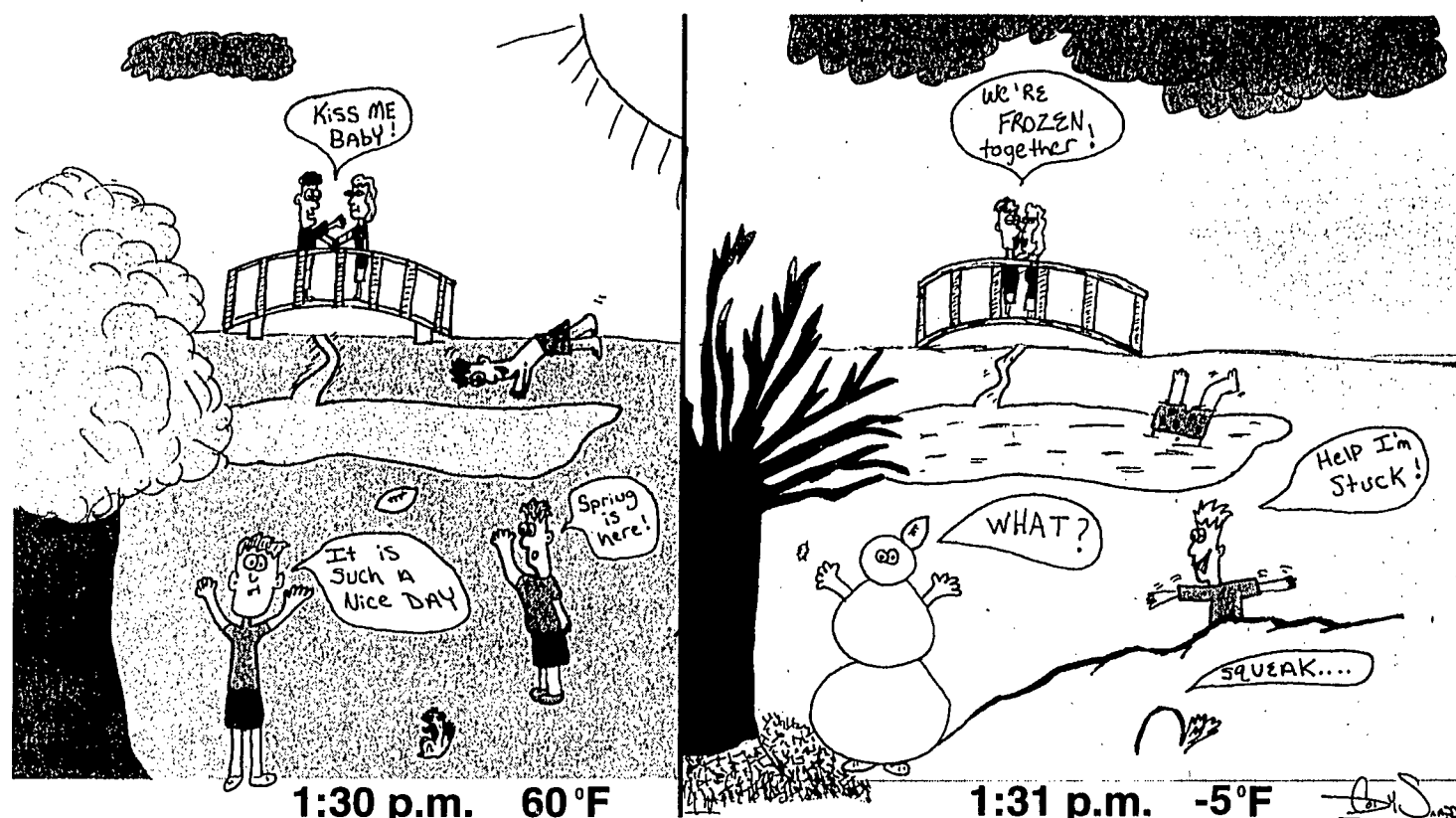
The Bearcat Bookstore is working on moving to the Student Union. We will be closed February 18. We will officially re-open February 21.

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The Weather of our Lives at Northwest Missouri State

MY VIEW

Intense rivalry entices new fan



JOANNE BURKERT

In the past, I have never been any kind of sports fan. I may have watched a Super Bowl or two, or gone to a Kansas City Royals' game a couple of times, just to say I went. But overall, I would never consider myself a spectator.

The game I hated most was basketball. I found the game to be absolutely pointless. A bunch of huge men running back and forth, shoving each other to throw a little ball into a small net. Of course, the only thing I could base this judgment on were NBA games I watched on television sitting with fanatic men.

I had never been a part of the crowd at a game, and I had no intentions to do so until a couple of weeks ago when I watched the Bearcats play Pittsburg State University.

As I walked into Bearcat arena, I began having doubts. I just knew the game was going to drag and I would be bored out of my mind.

But by halftime I could not believe what I was feeling — interest. As I watched the 6 foot men pushing and throwing, all struggling for the same goal, I began to realize that maybe, just maybe, there was a little more to this game than I believed. Northwest won the game and when I left, I felt a little excited about it.

I decided since that game was not so bad, I would go to the game against Missouri Western State College. I was interested in seeing these rivalries because I had heard so much about it. Plus, being from St. Joseph, I

had an interest in seeing its college.

When I arrived during halftime of the women's game, I could not believe the energy contained in the room. It was overpowering the way the crowd supported its teams.

Spirits were soaring and I was engulfed into the crowd.

When the men started playing, I could really see how proud both cities were of its players. One team was not stronger than the other. At one point Mo. West was louder, and a few minutes later Northwest was exploding.

The game never slowed down. Northwest would score, then Mo. West, and back and forth. I never felt bored or lost. In fact, I was yelling and clapping as much as the rest of the crowd.

I, the anti-basketball fan, was having more fun than could ever be imagined.

I was proud of Northwest and proud that Missouri Western had so much spirit. It was so close at the end. Both teams played so hard that when Northwest won, I did not feel the 'Cats were any better than the Griffons. Maybe a little better mannered, but Mo. West was as awesome as Northwest. Now I cannot wait until the next home game. I will be there for sure.

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YOUR VIEW

Do you agree with Major League Baseball's punishment of John Rocker, why or why not?



"Yes, it is appropriate. They need to send a message. Society has a problem evenly distributing punishment."

Wayne Winstead
Maryville resident



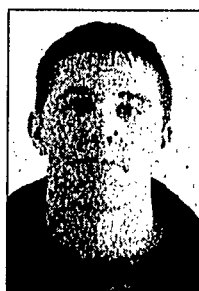
"No. Everyone has their own opinion and if it was someone else, they wouldn't have got in trouble."

Nathan Reasoner
Maryville resident



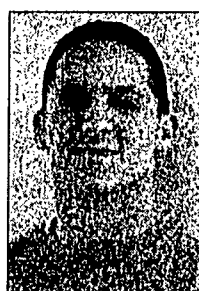
"No, because you have the right to freedom of speech."

Lindsay Lund
Secondary education major



"Yes, a person in that stature should not voice negative opinions."

Shannon Hendrix
Geography major



"Yes, because he is racist."

Jeremy Cameron
Business management major

OUR VIEW

Talking back

Alanta Braves pitcher appeals punishment for recent remarks, should face teammates, fans for comments in Sports Illustrated

A loudmouth relief pitcher for the Atlanta Braves pitched one under the belt when he insulted everyone but his momma two months ago. It stung so bad that no one, especially major league baseball commissioner Bud Selig was willing to let it pass.

Now the pitcher, John Rocker, is appealing the ridiculous suspension that keeps him away from spring training and his real punishment — all his diverse teammates with baseball bats.

Selig sees Rocker's punishment as reasonable, even though he took no consideration of prior suspensions for other insane acts of stupidity. Selig suspended Rocker until May 1, and ordered him to pay \$25,000 and attend sensitivity classes.

This has prompted public outcry for a harsher punishment, while others believe the punishment is too harsh and still others believe enough is enough. Here is a solution for all of them: let Rocker stay and face the heat.

This suspension will do nothing but turn an obvious moron into a martyr. First Amendment supporters are already rallying around him.

New York City was a key target of Rocker's verbal attacks. It stung the city worse than his 95-mile-per-hour fastball. However, the hatred of New York City may have been the result of the many incidents that occurred at Shea Stadium during the National League Championship Series — the insults, the batteries that whizzed at him, the person who hocked a loogie on his face, and the person who generously shared his beer with Rocker's girlfriend by dumping it all over her. It definitely was not a cordial crowd, and may have caused a lot of this animosity.

Many argue that Rocker should be held accountable because of his status as a role model to children. However, in a Sports Illustrated article about him, he made it very apparent that he does not like to visit, speak to or do anything with his ankle-biting adorers. Word has it that maybe when he signed his contract, he signed to play baseball not babysit. So let him be the names New Yorkers adamantly called him when he took the field at Shea. Children usually detect these things and may strike him off of their baseball's greatest list.

Children may be able to give a little advice to New York City and the American Civil Liberties Union. Just tell Rocker "I'm rubber. You're glue. What ever you say bounces off me and sticks on you!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alpha Phi Alpha president apologizes for offensive incident at last week's date auction

Dear Editor,

Since its founding on Dec. 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color around the world. The Rho Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha has been on the campus of Northwest since 1988.

Ever since our chartering on this campus we have struggled to maintain our chapter due to periods of extremely low membership. Our chapter membership has increased from one member in 1996 to seven today. Although few in numbers, quality, not quantity, has always been the mark of an Alpha man.

Recently, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha sponsored our First Date Auction. One hundred percent of the proceeds have been donated toward the creation of our scholarship fund. In an effort to decrease the race relations gap, we petitioned each fraternity on campus to showcase two of its active members in the community service auction. We also contacted men from the Northwest football, basketball and track teams in an effort to ensure that virtually everyone was represented in some form or another. With the help of all the athletes and Greek fraternities on campus we were able to start our first scholarship fund, which will be given to a student next October during our annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant. The qualifications for the scholarship have not been announced.

It has recently been brought to our attention that an isolated incident during the date auction may have offended some people. The isolated event in question, in no way represents the ideas and principles of the men of Alpha Phi Alpha. We sincerely apologize to anyone who may have been offended. We greatly regret its occurrence during an event sponsored by our chapter.

The men of Alpha Phi Alpha are involved in the diversifying of the Northwest community. We have sponsored and participated with various programs throughout the year in an effort to bring together minority and nonminorities alike. We hosted our annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant during Homecoming week, a national program that highlights Black Women.

These seven dedicated men have participated in these and many more unnamed events this school year alone. While continuing to stress academic excellence among its members, the men of Rho Theta also recognized the need to help correct the educational, economic, political and social injustices faced by African-Americans on this campus and the world beyond.

ANTHONY PLEDGER
PRESIDENT
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IIC offers study abroad information

Students encouraged to travel overseas, experience educational diversity, culture

By KATIE WAHLERT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students will have the chance to learn about a world of opportunity at the Study Abroad Fair sponsored by the Intercultural and International Center Thursday.

The Study Abroad Fair, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the corridor of the Student Union, will provide students with information about studying abroad.

Through the fair, IIC hopes to make students aware of the study abroad opportunities available to them.

The purpose of the fair is to get more students involved in studying abroad and let them know what is available, said Danielle Saunders, study abroad coordinator.

"We want to get the idea out there and open up people's minds to studying abroad," Saunders said. "Some people may not be aware that it's available, now they have a contact to learn more about the program."

Saunders said the fair will help students who are wanting to study abroad realize the different options that are available through different programs. Students may do more than just study abroad. Teaching abroad and internships are also an option.

Study abroad representatives and students will also be available to answer questions.

Anybody can get involved, Saunders said. But they do not allow first year students to travel until their sophomore year. Early academic planning can help the process go smoother and prevent

postponed graduation dates.

The fair will also offer information on the summer programs and faculty-led tours will be offered.

Saunders said studying abroad is a good opportunity for students to learn about other cultures in a way that could not be taught in the classroom or through textbook reading.

"I think it's a really good experience for anyone to go through," Saunders said. "People will gain a lot through culture, diversity and language barriers."

Saunders said students studying abroad gain new experiences and insights of what the world is like.

IIC plans to have a more complete fair each year to let students know about the exchange programs once the Union renovations are complete.

Scribblers to present guest Poet

By MIKE RANDELL
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

A national award-winning poet will be reading his words Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Conference Center.

Paul Zimmer is the latest artist to be featured in the Visiting Writers Series, which brings writers and poets from across the nation to Northwest. The series is organized by the Scribblers, a creative writers organization that encourages the advancement of creative writing and culture at Northwest.

"He has had a long successful career and is at his peak," said Katie Rosemurgy, assistant professor of English. "He has great books and is famous for them."

The series started last year with Gary Gilder and has brought about 10 writers to Northwest. The series will also bring two additional writers this trimester, Bill Trowbridge and Cathy Day.

Rosemurgy expects 100 to 150 people will attend Zimmer's presentation. Students of

all majors are encouraged to participate.

"It connects Northwest and the young writers developing here to the national community," Rosemurgy said. "We try to bring in a variety of people so that the students have a sense of the life-cycle of the writer — what it's like to be a young, emerging writer, what it's like to be a writer who's recently established himself nationally and a writer who's been established for many years."

Zimmer has received fellowships from the National Endowment of the Arts, recorded poems for the Library of Congress and is the author of 11 published books of poetry, which he will be signing after the reading.

"Even at a university, people tend to be a little bit intimidated by the notion of poetry," Rosemurgy said. "I think Paul Zimmer is the kind of reader that when college students or University faculty hear him it's kind of a gateway into the world of poetry because he's so welcoming, personable and funny."

Science fun



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Fifth graders Caitlin Kinman and Matt Wilson work on an experiment during an after school science club meeting on Wednesday at St. Gregory Catholic School. After the ingredients were mixed together, they were able to bounce and play with the gooey substance that looked like blue cottage cheese.

Sentences handed down to four locals

By VALERIE MOSSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Tammy Rightsell pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of conspiracy to commit murder Monday at the Fremont (Iowa) County District Court. Rightsell originally faced charges of attempted murder and solicitation to commit murder. The judge sentenced Rightsell to 10 years in prison for conspiracy to commit murder and five years on the solicitation charge. An attempted murder charge may have resulted in 25 years in prison.

In Nodaway County, Jason Coulter pleaded guilty to felony stealing after he stole a vehicle from the Kawasaki plant. Coulter was sentenced to four years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Probation was denied and he was ordered to serve his sentence.

Derrick Schremser pleaded guilty to felony possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to five years in prison. The court retained jurisdiction and recommended that Schremser be placed in a treatment center through the department of corrections. For the marijuana charge, he was sentenced to 120 days in jail and ordered to serve the sentences concurrently.

Christopher Pitts pleaded guilty to class C felony receiving stolen property and class A misdemeanor stealing. He was sentenced to five years in prison for the felony charge. The sentence was suspended. Pitts was placed on five years probation on the condition he makes restitution to all victims and pays all jail costs. On the charge for misdemeanor stealing, Pitts was sentenced to 119 days in jail and ordered to serve.

Career Services to hold mock interviews

By JOSH FLAHERTY
MANAGING EDITOR

Students will have the opportunity to practice their job interviewing skills Tuesday with Northwest's Spring Mock Interview Day.

There will be 30 employers present conducting 183 mock interviews throughout the day said Tyler Malins, Career Services graduate assistant.

The most represented company will be Worldspan, Malins said. Worldspan is a world-wide computer technology firm with offices in Kansas City, Mo.

Worldspan will be bringing five interviewers who will be interviewing five students each.

Other companies who will be present include Cerner, Principal Financial, Northwest Mutual Life, Energizer, Sprint Finance, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the FBI and 14 school districts.

Malins said Mock Interview Day is an important learning experience for students.

"It gives them the experience of an interview before it counts for them," he said. "You only get one chance at a first impression and if you blow your interview, you're kind of out of luck."



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The last 15 minutes of the interview sessions will be used as a critique period. Interviewers will go over what the interviewees did right and wrong as well as discuss positive and negative aspects of their résumés, Malins said.

Students who are interested in taking part in Mock Interview Day should sign up at Career Services, in the Administration Building Room 130, by noon on Friday. A résumé is required at the time of sign-up.

Interviews will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Conference Center.

Jeff Owen goes through a mock interview with Amy Maybrier of Northwestern Mutual Life last fall. Companies participating in the third annual Mock Interview Day include Cerner, Principal Financial, and the FBI.

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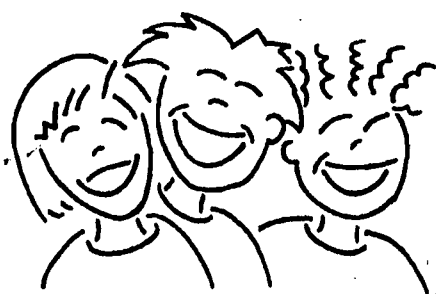
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb. 8

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville male that his fence had been damaged in the 400 block of East Fourth Street.

■ A Maryville female reported that her son's bicycle had been stolen from the 1500 block of East Edwards Street.

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville male, of the locking device on the outside wall of a business in the 200 block of North Market Street being damaged.

Feb. 9

■ A Municipal Court warrant was served to Joshua M. Chavez, 19, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville officer received a complaint from a Maryville male of phone harassment.

■ A Municipal Court warrant was served to Joel D. Taylor, 23, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville male reported that he had a post auger stolen from his property in the 1600 block of East Halsey Street.

Feb. 10

■ Officers received a report of suspicious activity at a business in the 1300 block of South Main Street. Robin C. Latham, 41, Parnell, and Jimmy H. Young, 20, Grant City, were issued summons for possession of a controlled substance.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Walnut Street, an officer observed a vehicle with expired license plates. The driver was identified as Daniel J. Harding, 18, Maryville, and while talking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could

not successfully complete, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for improper registration.

■ While on patrol in the 100 block of West Fourth Street, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Fourth and Buchanan streets. The driver was identified as Shaun T. Lind, 21, Lathrop, Mo., and while talking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

Feb. 11

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Walnut Street, an officer observed a vehicle run up onto the curb. The driver was identified as Warren L. Crouse, 24, Red Oak, Iowa, and while talking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville male that the back window of his vehicle had been broken out.

■ Rural fire units responded to a grass fire north of Maryville on Highway 71. The cause of the fire was burning boxes.

Feb. 12

■ Officers served an Atchison County warrant on Jermell T. Harris, 26, Maryville. He is being held at the Nodaway County Jail.

■ A Maryville officer received a

report from a Maryville male that a scale was stolen from a business in the 3100 block of East First Street.

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of East Fourth Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle with an inoperable brake lamp. The driver was identified as a Toni M. Morton, 25, Burlington Junction. While talking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform field sobriety tests which she could not successfully complete and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for an inoperable brake lamp.

■ While on patrol in the 100 block of West Seventh Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle traveling at an excessive speed. The driver was identified as Cory W. DeMott, 20, Sheridan. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected, and was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued citations for possession of a loaded firearm while intoxicated, careless and imprudent driving and resisting arrest by flight.

■ Officers responded to the 100 block of North Main Street in reference to a citizen inquiry. Upon arrival, Maurice D. Newlon was issued a summons for assault third degree.

■ While on patrol northbound on North Buchanan Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle traveling north on the wrong side of the road. The driver was identified as Kristy A. Arkfeld, 19, Maryville. While talking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform field sobriety tests which she could not successfully complete, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation

for failing to stay on the right half of the roadway.

Feb. 13

■ While on patrol in the 300 block of South Main Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a posted stop sign. The driver was identified as Brian D. Butera Jr., 19, St. Clair. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform a field sobriety test, which he could not successfully complete, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested above the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

■ While on patrol in the 600 block of South Main Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle traveling with no headlights. The driver was identified as Natalie A. Lischer, 23, Minburn, Iowa. While talking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform a field sobriety test, which she could not successfully complete, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested above the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for driving with no headlights.

Feb. 14

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had been receiving harassing phone calls.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Buchanan Street, a Maryville officer observed an open door on a building. Upon further investigation, damage was found to the door of the building. The cause was unknown.

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female reporting she had received harassing phone calls at her residence in the 1500 block of North Main Street.

■ A Maryville officer served a Buchanan County warrant for delivery of marijuana on Jamie A. Henderson, 41, Parnell. He was

processed and held awaiting extradition.

Feb. 15

■ A Maryville officer responded to a medical emergency in the 1100 block of North College Drive. A Maryville male subject was transported to St. Francis Hospital by ambulance.

■ A 42-year old Maryville male subject reported being assaulted by another 35-year old Maryville male at an establishment in the 300 block of North Market Street.

OBITUARIES

Emma C. Knutson

Emma C. Knutson, 100, Maryville, died Wednesday, Feb. 9 at Maryville Health Care Center in Maryville.

She was born Nov. 11, 1899, to Andrew and Carrie Anderson in Stanhope, Iowa.

She is survived by two daughters, Lila Wray and Viola Crabb and one son, Donald.

Graveside services were Saturday, Feb. 12 at Crown Hill Cemetery in Ruthven, Iowa.

Jim Newberry

Jim Newberry, 52, Maryville, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, at his home.

He was born July 11, 1947, to James and Virginia Newberry in Maryville.

He is survived by four daughters, Kimberley Newberry, Kristi Hendricks, Kelly Brinkley and Michelle Roberts and one son Nathan.

Graveside services are Friday, Feb. 18, at Miriam Cemetery in Maryville.

Ruby Marie Lawyer

Ruby Marie Lawyer, 80, Maryville, died Saturday, Feb. 12, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born March 2, 1919, to Roy and Mary Sheldon in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

She is survived by two sons, Stanley and Darwin; one sister, Rosemary Rust and two brothers, Vern and Virgil Sheldon.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Turner Funeral Home in Spirit Lake,

Iowa. Burial was at Lakeland Memorial Gardens in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Forrest Leon Jones

Forrest Leon Jones, 71, Skidmore, died Saturday, Feb. 12 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He was born March 24, 1928, to Francis Jones and Frances Robinette in Whitesville.

He is survived by three daughters, Doris McDonald, Frances Harbin and Cynthia Kenny and two sons, Randolph and Michael.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Skidmore Methodist Church in Skidmore. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery in Skidmore.

Dustin Tyler Gray

Dustin Tyler Gray, 28, Hopkins, died Sunday, Feb. 13, at St. Francis hospital in Maryville.

He was born July 28, 1971, to Darold Gray and Patsy Jo Dudley in Maryville.

He is survived by his parents; two brothers, William and Ryan and two sisters, Cara and Megan.

Services were Wednesday, Feb. 16 at Swanson-Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Hopkins Cemetery.

Daisey M. Aley

Daisey M. Aley, 94, Maryville, died Sunday, Feb. 13 at Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Feb. 18, 1905, to Charles and Dora Smith in Stanberry.

She is survived by three sons, Laurel, Leland and Robert; 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Services were Thursday, Feb. 17, at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

Catherine Anna Fisher Patton

Catherine Anna Fisher Patton, 86, Barnard, died Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Village Care Center in Maryville.

She was born June 9, 1913 to Francis and Anna Fisher in Easton.

She is survived by one son, Don; two daughters, Margaret Schmitz and Ann Hefflin; 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Services are Friday, Feb. 18 at St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

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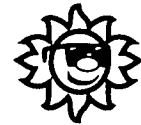
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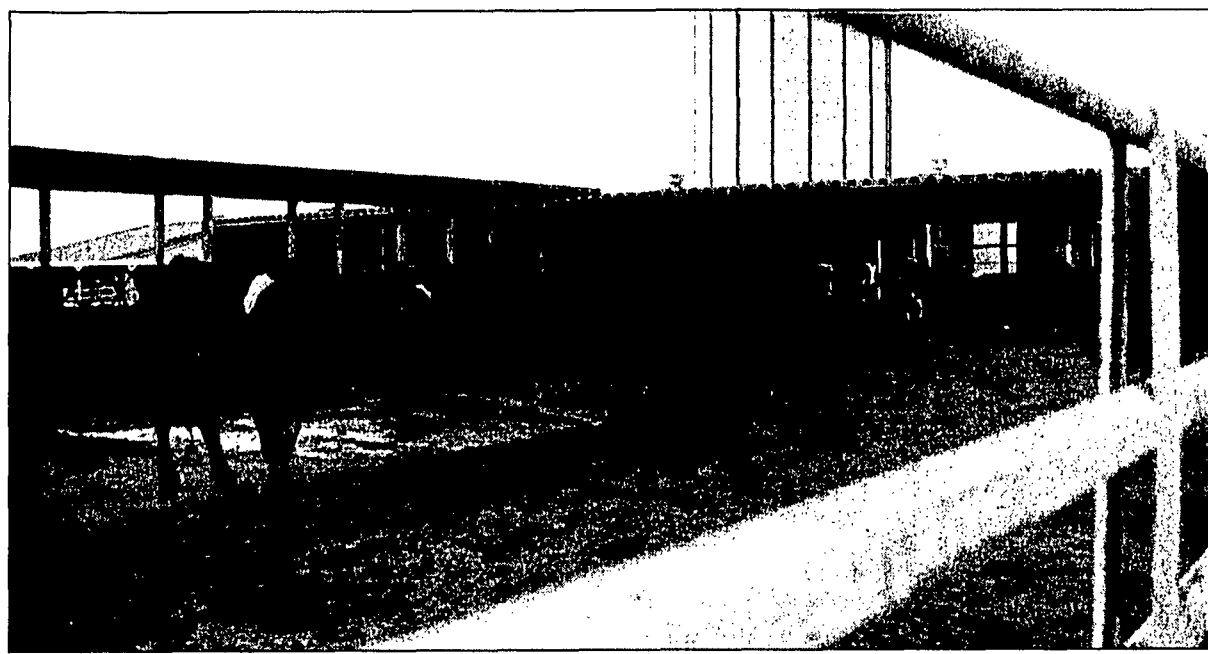


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Because of the construction on campus, the Northwest farming facilities will have to move off campus. The dairy farm will be relocating to the R.T. Wright Living Laboratory Farm north of Maryville on U.S. Highway 71.

Farm makes plans to move

By KATIE WAHLERT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Construction on campus is forcing Northwest farming facilities to move off campus.

The dairy farm, which is located north of campus, behind Garrett-Strong, will be relocating near the R.T. Wright Living Laboratory Farm. The Wright farm, where the swine facilities currently exist, is north of U.S. Highway 71.

"The movement of the dairy really was a result of some construction that's going to happen on campus," said Arley Larson, chairman of the department of agriculture.

Along with the movement of the dairy facility, some buildings at the Wright farm will be renovated.

"The swine facility has been in a state of disrepair for some time," Larson said. "We knew we needed to do some work there."

The remodeling of the swine facility started in June and is essentially complete. Larson said they have begun moving the dairy and preparing the site, which is expected to be finished by October.

"From an educational point of view, we'll be better able to serve the instructional needs of the department," Larson said. "At least in agriculture, hands-on is a big issue. So we'll have more opportunities for stu-

dents to observe and experience those things first hand."

The renovations and relocations of the farm facilities will place the swine and dairy facilities next to the poultry facilities.

Larson said having all of the facilities in one place gives the department the opportunity to collect solid waste material from all three of the operations, blending it with switch grass, sawdust, or paper to make pellets for the new biomass project that will convert animal waste to energy.

"The biomass project is an added benefit," Larson said. "It just happens to be one of the things that helps us as we interface with the region. Hopefully in the long run this will be a system that will help producers to be able to have an environmentally sound operation."

Larson said he sees no downfalls to the relocation of the facilities at this point. He said the move will make the farm easier to manage.

"I think in the long run it will result in a great facility from an educational point of view," Larson said. "Things will be a little more centralized — further from campus, but everything pretty much will be in one place which is likely to be more handy than having things more scattered around."

Curves gives women new shape

By MEGAN TADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Sweaty bodies, rippling biceps and 30 pound dumbbells typify the usual weight room.

There is one place, however, where women can workout free from looming Nautilus machines, mirrors and men.

Curves for Women provides an easygoing environment with an exercise program scaled for women's bodies.

"People who come in think this looks pretty wussy," Katy Ketcham, owner, said. "But once they get on, they go 'Oh!' They realize they don't need those huge weight stacks to get a good workout."

The program includes 30 minutes of circuit training, alternating strength training on various Quickfit machine stations and aerobic stations. The program is designed so the exerciser, cued by a break in the music, changes stations every 35 seconds when the muscle has reached its weakest point.

"You just get on the equipment, you are told when to move, all the equipment is arranged for you, you are cued when to check your heart rate and there is a trainer on the floor at all times," Ketcham said.

The program uses hydraulic weights, which are gentle, yet just as effective, as an hour and a half aerobic class, Ketcham said.

"Hydraulics is an extremely powerful exercise tool," Ketcham said. "Olympic athletes train on hydraulics."

Because the workout is so gentle, women ranging in all ages can do it.

"We can have a buff 16-year-old tennis player working out next to an 86-year-old grandma," Ketcham said.

Due to the strength training, many women find they gain one to three pounds. Ketcham said, this shows that they have actually lost body fat and gained muscle.

"Women come in with a size that they want to be," Ketcham said. "Then they realize that they can be that size but at a higher weight."

Physical results are not the only benefit to the program.

"People really feel good about what they are doing," Ketcham said. "They look forward to it. For a lot of women it is the best part of their day. When people ask me what is the best exercise, my answer is the one you will do. Women do this."

Those considering membership can sign up for a free visit and workout.



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Family values reinforced by new organization

By ROB J. BROWN
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

A new community organization is aimed at reinforcing family values and stopping underage drinking.

Assets In Motion is a state-funded group which has grown from the partnership between Community Solutions for Rural Health and Maryville Community 2000. AIM is organized through the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments.

AIM director Elizabeth Sharp said the group's goal is to plant seeds of responsibility in area children.

"AIM exists to facilitate the building of positive developmental assets to ensure that our youth grow up healthy, principled and caring without the barriers of high-risk behavior," Sharp said.

AIM uses 40 developmental assets which were developed by the Search Institute.

Sharp said the assets can also be seen as building blocks that help young people grow to have healthy lives both mentally and physically.

There are internal and external assets divided into eight areas: support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies and positive identity.

Sharp said most youth lack

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ELIZABETH SHARP
ASSETS IN MOTION DIRECTOR

some or many of these important building blocks. Based on surveys conducted throughout hundreds of communities, the average number of assets among young people is about 18.

That is less than half of the 40 assets deemed important by the Search Institute.

"These numbers become very disturbing when we see how strongly assets are related to the choices young people make," Sharp said. "The more assets a young person experiences the less likely he or she is to engage in

high-risk behavior."

The many different high-risk behaviors include: higher probability of alcohol and drug abuse, violent behavior, depression and antisocial behavior.

"Most suggestions for asset building take very little time," Sharp said. "But a little effort can produce dramatic results as our community's youth grow up more responsible, competent and caring."

Last month AIM launched a website, which can be found at <http://www.assetsinmotion.com>. The site contains basic information about the group and tips on building assets.

An alcohol survey was recently added to the site. Sharp said it can be completed in less than five minutes and the information is used by our task forces.

Annual Cat Walk offers chance to get fit, socialize

By AMY ROH
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Northwest students, faculty and staff, will have the opportunity to get fit at the seventh annual Cat Walk. The walk takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, in the Bearcat Arena.

"I want everyone to have a good time and take part in a fitness activity," coordinator Teresa Carter said.

The event is a chance to socialize with other members of the Northwest family, she said.

"This is a campus-wide event open to everyone to be together with other faculty and staff they might not otherwise talk to," Carter said.

Although someone may not be

registered, he or she is welcome to attend the event and will be eligible to receive prizes and refreshments, which will be offered at the end of the walk.

For 45 minutes participants have the option of walking or jogging around the track in Bearcat Arena.

Last year about 160 people attended the event and 145 people are registered for this year's walk.

The Be Well Committee sponsors the Cat Walk and other health awareness events around campus such as CPR training, fitness assessments and cholesterol screenings. The committee also publishes a monthly newsletter on total health wellness.

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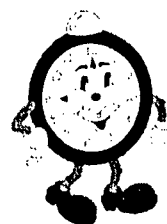
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'Cats take thriller at TSU

Last second three-pointer propels men's basketball over Bulldogs

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

The MIAA regular season may be coming to an end, but for the Northwest men's basketball team, this stretch of the year will be the most critical.

The Bearcats, 17-6 overall and 9-6 in the conference, seek to improve its chances of hosting a first round MIAA tournament game after a last-second, 63-62 win at Truman State University Wednesday night.

The 'Cats trailed 61-60 when Truman State senior forward Jason Reinberg was sent to the free throw line. After Reinberg made one-of-two free throws, Northwest got a chance to at least tie the game.

As the final seconds ticked away, Northwest inbounded the ball and senior forward Tyrone Brown sank a three-point shot to give the 'Cats the one-point victory.

Having the ability to come from behind and defeat conference rival Missouri Western State College was an uplifting experience for the 'Cats going into the game against the Bulldogs, head coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

"We had practice Sunday and everybody is focused and in a good mood after the win against Mo. Western," Tappmeyer said. "We're hoping to have a real spirited practice and until you match up in the next game you don't know how well you are going to do."

Northwest will conclude its regular season road schedule with 3:30 p.m. tip-off Saturday against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The Miners enter into Saturday's game with a 1-13 record and in last place in the MIAA, but they may be as dangerous as Truman State, playing the role as a spoiler, Tappmeyer said.

"A key for us is to approach this game at the same level we did in the first game and try to get the victory," Tappmeyer said. "They're in the same boat in wanting to beat us for pride so we are going to have to be ready and not give it to them."

Bearcat junior guard Britt Booker said to pickup two wins on the road will be a major factor for the conference tournament.

"We are basically going to approach both of these games with the same intensity we have had with all the games we have played in this season," Booker said. "To get these two on the road will be a major motivation factor for us going into the remainder of the season."

The 'Cats clinched an MIAA postseason berth Saturday when they defeated Missouri Western, 85-79, in front of a sold-out crowd.

"Getting the Mo. West win has made everybody excited about the level of play we are capable of," Booker said. "We know if we can keep our game at the level we had Saturday then we can pickup some big wins."

With the victory, the 'Cats moved into a four-way tie with Missouri Western, Central Missouri State University and Pittsburg State University.

"This has been like a heavyweight fight," Tappmeyer said. "We're all just standing there going toe-to-toe with each other. The top and bottom two are decided. But most of the rest of the teams could all finish third through eighth."

The Bearcats rank second in the league in three-point field goal percentage. Northwest is knocking down just less than 40 percent of its opportunities from behind the arc. Leading the way for Northwest is Simpson, who ranks fourth in the league with a mark of .459 on three-point attempts.

In addition Northwest has taken care of the ball. The 'Cats rank No. 1 in the conference in turnover margin at +11.0. Missouri Southern State College is a distant second at +4.2.

'Hounds fall behind in conference play against rival Dragons

By JUSTIN BUSH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Despite the Maryville Spoofhounds strong first half and mid fourth-quarter run, the Maryville boys' basketball team was not able to keep up with the Midland Empire Conference's first-place team Tuesday night.

The Spoofhounds lost to the Cameron Dragons, losing 56-44.

The 'Hounds came out strong in the first quarter. Senior Zane Schulte lit up the boards scoring seven of his game high 19 points.

"Cameron is a very good team," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "They are the cream of the crop in our conference. We were doing a good job of playing defense and containing their drives. We were also doing a good job of getting good shots off."

The 'Hounds were tied 14 all at the end of the first quarter and went into the locker room at the end of the first half trailing the Dragons, 22-27.

The Dragons started strong in the second half and the 'Hounds had a harder time containing them, but with good defense by junior Eric Goudge, who also finished scoring in double digits with 11 points, the 'Hounds pulled within seven points.

"I think it's real important to have a more balanced team," Kuwitzky said. "It's always nice to have two players that finish the night with double digits. He had a real good night."

In the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Dragons seemed almost unstoppable. Midway through the quarter, the 'Hounds went on a 9-0 scoring run cutting the lead to five.

"They came out and really played hard tonight," Kuwitzky said. "I was real proud of their effort. They worked hard to get back to within five there in the fourth quarter."

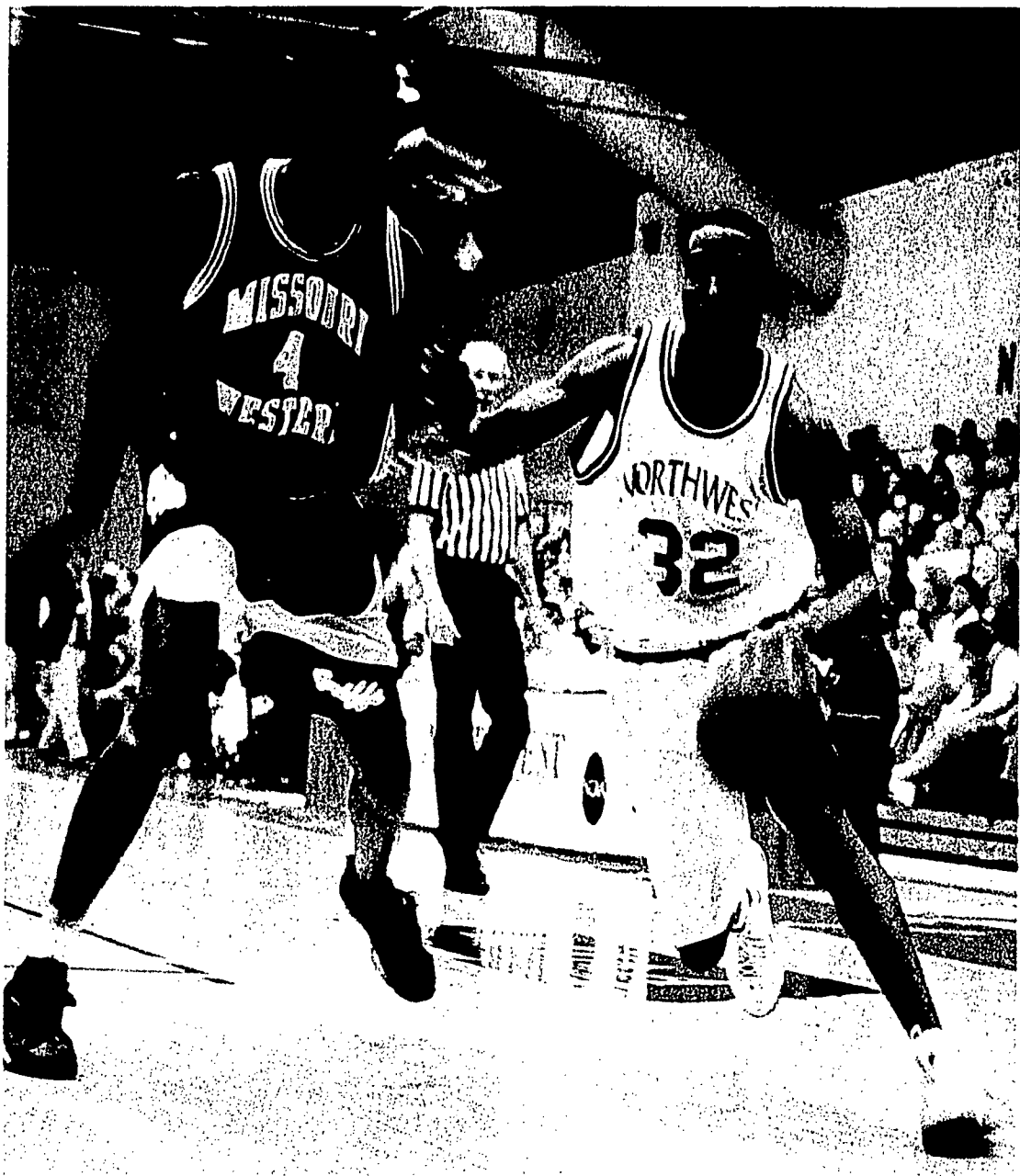


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TOP: Senior forward Tyrone Brown drives past junior forward Souvenir Callwood during the Bearcats 85-79 win on Saturday. Brown finished with a game high of 25 points, four rebounds and three assists.

LEFT: Cagers teammates cheer on the Bearcats during their game against the Griffons Saturday. The two teams battled for control of the game. Northwest ensured its victory by making seven out of eight free throws during the final minutes of the game.

Softball seeks to repeat as conference champs

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

A solid pitching rotation, a nucleus of returning hitters and an arsenal of defenders ensure the Northwest goal of winning its second-straight MIAA championship, women's softball team.

The Bearcats enter the year wanting to avoid obstacles they endured last season in winning the MIAA, finishing with a 19-18 record.

"First of all, one of our goals is to achieve where we left off last year," head coach Pam Knox said. "Last year we experienced a roller coaster season, and we want to avoid that this year and come out strong to begin with and build from there."

Knox said with the amount of experienced players returning from a year ago, every position is season looks to be very promising.

"We have a lot of experience, a lot of depth and the pleasant surprise is that we have a very strong pitching staff," Knox said. "We were waiting to see how our sophomore pitching staff was going to do during practices before the season started and they have done an excellent job. They are looking strong and are going to contribute for us this season."

The strength of our team is our defense even though our offense is very strong.

PAM KNOX
HEAD COACH

Defensively, the 'Cats are still flirting with some positions, but Knox said this unit could be the most capable part of the team.

"The strength of our team is our defense even though our offense is very strong," she said. "I don't see any weaknesses on our defense, our right side of the defense is not set, but the left side is set. So we are waiting to see what inspires in the right field and whoever is hitting and plays good defense is going to end up in right field."

Once again the key for the 'Cats to be an ultimate force in the MIAA will be on the reliance of its batting.

Two players taking on bigger roles for the 'Cats this year are All-MIAA selections left-fielder Kendra Smith and third baseman Amanda Urquhart.

Smith and Urquhart both entered the season on the verge of breaking school records. Smith came into the season two runs short of breaking the Northwest record of 91 runs scored, which she broke at the University of Southern Colorado Tournament last weekend. She is also close to breaking the Northwest record for career hits at 165.

Urquhart is approaching the school record of 86 career RBIs. She has 77.

Having the talent to produce more positive results from last year, Urquhart said this team is without a doubt one of the strongest Northwest has fielded in several years.

"This has been the best team I have played on here," Urquhart said. "There is not a weak spot in the lineup, but there is a couple of battles for positions which is better than being slim at those positions. Our hitting is 30 times better than it has been in past years and we are more of a consistent all-around team without a real weak link."

The 'Cats placed seventh out of 16 teams in the Southern Colorado Tournament to start out the year with a 3-2 record, but Urquhart said it is only the beginning.

"The first tourney is usually a little bit slow for us because in the past we didn't get to practice outside that much," Urquhart said. "But, this year we got some outdoor practices and it was a great exposure for us going into the tournament."

Northwest started the tournament with three games on Friday. In the first game, the 'Cats defeated Abilene Christian College (Texas), 2-1, but lost its second game to Southern Colorado, 7-6. In the final game of the evening, the 'Cats defeated Lincoln University, 12-3.

On Saturday, the Bearcats entered double-elimination with an 8-3 victory over MIAA member Washburn University, but was eliminated by the University of Nebraska-Omaha, in a 4-3 decision.

"I thought this was a great effort," Knox said. "We accomplished a lot over the weekend. We played very good softball for the first time out and it is probably the best start we have had in my four years here."

Two grapplers advance to state tournament

Ability to overcome anxiety, nervousness is must for first time Maryville Spoofhound wrestlers

By MATT SEVART
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

For senior Heath Reynolds making it to the state wrestling tournament has been a goal since he first witnessed the event.

But, after many years of watching the tournament from the stands, Reynolds will get his first look at things from the floor.

"This is my first time to go there and compete," Reynolds said. "I have been there many times as a spectator, but this will be my first time to be a contender. Even the first time I went down in sixth grade I was amazed at the state tournament, and from that point on it has been a dream of mine to go down and compete."

Only two Spoofhounds, Reynolds, 24-5, and freshman Derek Merrill, 26-4, made it to the state tournament and both for the first time. Merrill (112 lbs.) placed second at sectionals after a 7-2 loss in the finals to Jamie Meyers of Lawson. Reynolds had to battle back after a 7-2 semifinal loss to Jeremy Bennett of Mid-Buchanan. In the wrestle backs, Reynolds defeated Chris Mooney of Plattsburg, 19-5, and won a 16-3 decision over Clint Stoner of Rock Port in the third- and-fourth place match.

Being a freshman, Merrill said he

wants to keep his composure and try to stay focused.

"I just hope I don't get nervous at state because I am a freshman and I don't know what to expect from the tournament," Merrill said.

Head coach Joe Drake said anxiety is inevitable at the state tournament, especially the first time when you step on the mat.

"I think for kids who have never been there and don't prepare mentally it is a pretty stressful situation for them," Drake said. "We try to do everything we can to prepare them for that first experience down there. But, no matter what you do, the first time you walk out on the floor and you hear all the people screaming and hollering, and you look up, it makes you pretty tense."

Reynolds said he is excited to wrestle in front of a unique crowd where spirits are high and the fans bring out competitiveness in the sport.

"I am just thankful that this season I was able to fulfill my dream and go down and compete," he said. "The intensity level is just unbelievable and the spirit of the wrestling fans is awesome. You can really feel the intensity in the crowd. State wrestling brings out intensity in fans that you can't get



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Maryville grappler Jake Lancaster (160 lbs.) and Stanberry's Matt Simmerman wrestle during the Missouri State High School Activities Association Sectional Tournament on Saturday at Maryville High School. Lancaster ended up winning the match.

from any other sport. One second can change the entire crowd and their emotions."

Drake said the fans at state bring out a passion you do not see in any other sport.

"It is so intense, and people are relatively close to each other in the Hearnes Center, even as large as it is," Drake said. "You can feel the people almost right on top of you. There is a

uniqueness to the sport at the state championship, there is no doubt."

Wrestling is set to begin 1 p.m. Thursday and go through Saturday evening at the Hearnes Center in Columbia.

"It is hard to sleep already," Reynolds said. "I was up all last night. It just gives you chills walking in and seeing the six mats on the floor at the Hearnes Center."

Baseball team makes changes for new season

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Fresh faces, a new coach and the desire of making the Northwest men's baseball program a strong contingent in the MIAA has many thinking there is going to be quite a few changes this year.

Coach Darin Loe comes to the Bearcat program after spending the last three years at the NAIA level at Baker University (Kan.) where he led the 1997 and '98 squads to the Heart of America Athletic Conference tournament championships.

Loe is confident about the possibilities Northwest has because of the improvements he has seen in his players since practices began.

"The strongest part of our team will be the pitching staff," Loe said. "The bottom line to winning games comes down to your pitching staff and our top four to six guys are real strong and everybody else is not that far behind."

Having someone serve as the pitching coach and the head coach is something that has been valuable for the hurlers, sophomore pitcher Gary Hall said.

"As a player who has played pitcher for the (Seattle) Mariners, Coach Loe has brought in new ideas and has taught us different things that has been a real help for the pitchers," Hall said. "He has videotaped our pitching to help teach us things we need to be doing differently that we hadn't noticed during practice."

With new players meshing with older players, Loe said the play of the team should pick up once the

season gets underway.

"I think offensively we should be able to hit average and get some power and the key to our season is how we play defense," Loe said. "We could have a great defensive team and we could have a struggling defensive team because of mixing new players together."

The 'Cats have 12 players returning from last year, which should provide the team with a base to turn the program around, Loe said.

"I think the returners and new guys are bonding well as a unit and are a real close team that wants to become a championship program," he said. "We are looking at a team that is half returners and half new guys. We did have to cut our roster down because we had too many guys, and we did have to release some guys that have been here but that happens to many programs."

Some of the key returners to this year's team that Loe looks to step up as solid leaders are infielders Delton Kruk and Nate Tutt along with pitcher Kyle Janssen, catcher Matt Vleisides and outfielder Adam Bailey.

Two newcomers who expect to see a lot of action this spring are Hall and sophomore first basemen Zac Ruff.

"The team is optimistic about the season starting because there is good team chemistry in practice and we are positive in playing tough games and possibly upsetting some people," Hall said.

The MIAA will once again offer a competitive schedule for the 'Cats Loe said with it being anybody's



First baseman, Jamie Liehr gets ready to field a throw from freshman pitcher Brent Jones during practice on Monday at Bearcat Field. With Darin Loe as the 'Cats' new head coach,

the 'Cats will begin the season in the Northwest Missouri Triad against the University of Mankato State (Minn.) and Rockhurst College Feb. 25-27 at Bearcat Field.

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game.

"CMSU (Central Missouri State University) will once again be as usual the team to beat this year," Loe said. "The top three of the conference going into the season look to be CMSU, Pittsburg State and Washburn, after that the rest of the

teams will battle."

Hall said in order for the 'Cats to compete successfully in the conference, the team needs to stand strong in non-conference games and pick up some victories.

"Having to play the non-conference schedule will be a good learn-

ing experience for us to get a feel about what the season will offer," he said.

The 'Cats begin the season in the Northwest Missouri Triad against the University of Mankato State (Minn.) and Rockhurst College Feb. 25-27 at Bearcat Field.

Tracksters take strides to improve

By JUSTIN BUSH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest men's and women's track teams continued to make strides toward improvement Friday at the Central Missouri State University Relays.

Junior Jeremy Sitherwood led the Northwest sprinters as he finished fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50:84. Sophomore Joe Glab placed fourth in the shot put with a throw of 49 feet 5 1/2 inches. Senior Bryce Good had the teams top performance for the men running to a third-place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:57. Good also finished seventh in the mile with a time of 4:19.

"I was proud of the way I doubled," Good said. "I thought that I was going to be running the two-mile relay as well, so I didn't kick as hard as I could have in the last lap of them while thinking that. Coach (Richard Alsop) later took me out of that race. This meet gave us all an opportunity to see the other teams in our conference before the conference championships in a few weeks."

On the women's side there were several athletes who finished with top performances.

Freshman Jenny Simmons set the school record in the pole vault, beating her previous best and clearing a height of 10 feet 4 inches. Senior Jill Eppenbaugh finished third in both the weight throw and the shot put. She scored tosses of 42 feet 2 1/2 inches in the weight throw and 40 feet 2 1/4 inches in the shot. Sophomore Ronda Cheers was also a contributing factor for the 'Cats as she finished third in the 800-meter with a time of 2:19.

"I thought that I had a real good race," Cheers said. "I want to be able to drop a few seconds off of my time. If I can drop two seconds I should make it as a provisional qualifier for nationals. I think that we are all getting excited as we get closer and closer to the conference meet. Our mentality is high and we are ready to compete."

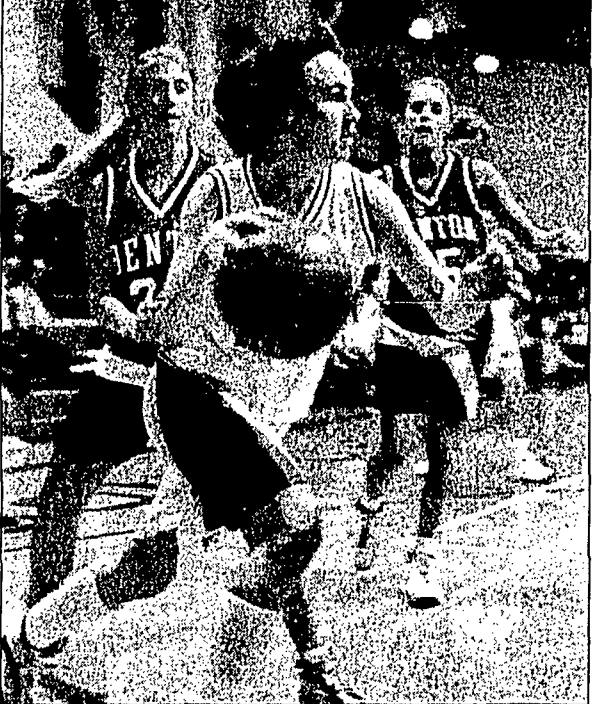
The women's two-mile relay team consisting of Cheers, freshman Jacklen Baker, sophomores Melissa Eighmy and Kim Scarbarough finished third.

"We did well," women's head coach Vicki Wootton said. "We had a handful of people who didn't compete due to injury or illness. I'm very happy with their progress at this point. The biggest thing so far has been their competitiveness. I'm hoping that they will save their best performances for the conference meet sense that will be the last meet of the year for most of them."

Girl cagers think positive before final chance at conference

Maryville forward Hailey Lawyer flies past Benton forwards, Ericka Angst and Katie Ziesel during the basketball game Thursday night. The Spoofhounds lost to the Benton Cardinals and went on to face Cameron Monday, but the 'Hounds suffered a 49-40 loss to the Dragons.

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By MATT SEVART
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

For the Maryville High School girls' basketball team, the final game of the regular season and the final chance of a conference win at home has come down to Savannah, the top team in the Midland Empire Conference.

Tip-off against the Savages is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday. Head coach Randy Cook said the game is going to come down to how the 'Hounds handle the intensity of the Savages.

"I am sure they are going to press," Cook said. "We are going to see a lot of pressure, halfcourt also. I think it is going to come down to which team plays the best defense; whether we can affect their offense or whether our offense is affected by their pressure. I think it is going to be a pretty interesting ball game."

After coming off a two-game conference losing streak, the 'Hounds are now 13-11 overall and 3-3 in the conference.

After a home loss to Benton High School last week, the 'Hounds could not get things rolling, suffering another loss Monday against Cameron, 49-40. The girls went into the fourth quarter tied, 28-28, but only made 6-of-14 free throws while the Dragons converted on 13-of-16.

Senior guard Jessica Gage said free throws hurt the squad in previous games, so they have been an important factor in recent practices.

"We missed key free throws in the last game and the past two games so we have been working on that more," Gage said. "That is what we focused on (Tuesday) in practice. Right now we are 3-3 in conference and we think it would look a lot better if it was 4-3. It will give us more confidence going it districts."

Cook said even after the loss to Cameron, which is 19-5 overall, he was still pleased with the effort put forth by the girls.

"Unlike the Benton game, last

night we played hard and pretty well," Cook said. "In the Benton game I don't think we played as hard as we usually do, and I don't think we played the way we were capable. I don't like to lose, but against Cameron it was more acceptable because we played hard and aggressive and we did a lot of things that we need to win. Near the end we just had trouble making our free throws."

Cook said after Thursday's game, records should not matter because districts brings a whole new season.

"We have nothing to lose," Cook said. "Everyone expects them to win so we'll just throw the ball up and go for it. After Thursday night's game, records go out the door, and whoever wins advances. So as long as we are getting better and progressing toward next week for the tournament, I'll be happy."

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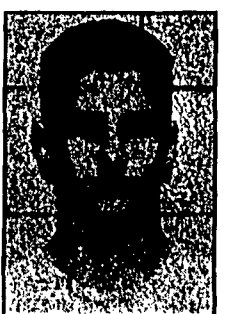
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Kendra Smith

Bearcat senior leftfielder
Became all-time leading scorer in 'Cats history, scoring her 92nd career run in a 4-3 loss to the University of Nebraska-Omaha Saturday.

Spoofhound freshman grappler
Was one of two 'Hound wrestlers to qualify for the state tournament in Columbia. Has compiled a 26-4 record in first year of varisty competition.



Derek Merrill

As true as the game

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

One is a candidate for MIAA freshman of the year and the other is a fan favorite of Tapp's Troops.

Together two first-year players are giving their all in helping the Northwest men's basketball team compete for the conference title.

Bearcat guards Scott Fleming and Archie Jeter may not have been two players who were predicted to make things happen for the 'Cats this year, but the freshmen have been helpful contributors, head coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

"We are very pleased with both players and feel both players will step up more this year and in the future," Tappmeyer said. "They both have taken different paths, but it is hard for any freshman to play in this league and they have done extraordinary jobs in what they have done."

Having won a Class 5A state championship at Liberty High School his junior year and achieving numerous individual honors, Fleming signed with the 'Cats after the high school basketball season and Lions Club all-star game.

But signing late did not slow Fleming, who is averaging nine points a game, as he has stepped in as a suitable player coming off the bench for the 'Cats.

"Fleming came into the league without missing a beat from high school and has played right off the bat," Tappmeyer said. "We thought Scott could come in and play and help the team but we didn't think he would produce as many good minutes for us."

"Having a freshman come in and put in 25 minutes a game is very impressive and it is something where we have never had, and I have to compliment the high school program he came from because of what he learned there."

Even though he did not experience as much team success at St. Joseph Central High School, Jeter

learned how to build his relationships with basketball.

"We won districts my sophomore year, but the team got into trouble during my junior year and we weren't as successful, but it helped me build character to become a better player," Jeter said.

Being a walk-on player, Jeter was not promised much playing time, but Tappmeyer was impressed by the dedication given by Jeter at the beginning of the year.

"We weren't going to rush Archie in at the beginning of the year and we did redshirt him, but because of injuries and the performance of his play in practice we thought we were going to need that extra player," Tappmeyer said. "Even though he hasn't played in a lot of minutes, he has given us some things we really needed and he could play a bigger role for us down the stretch of the season."

When both players came to Northwest on college visits they were impressed by how the coaching staff approached them.

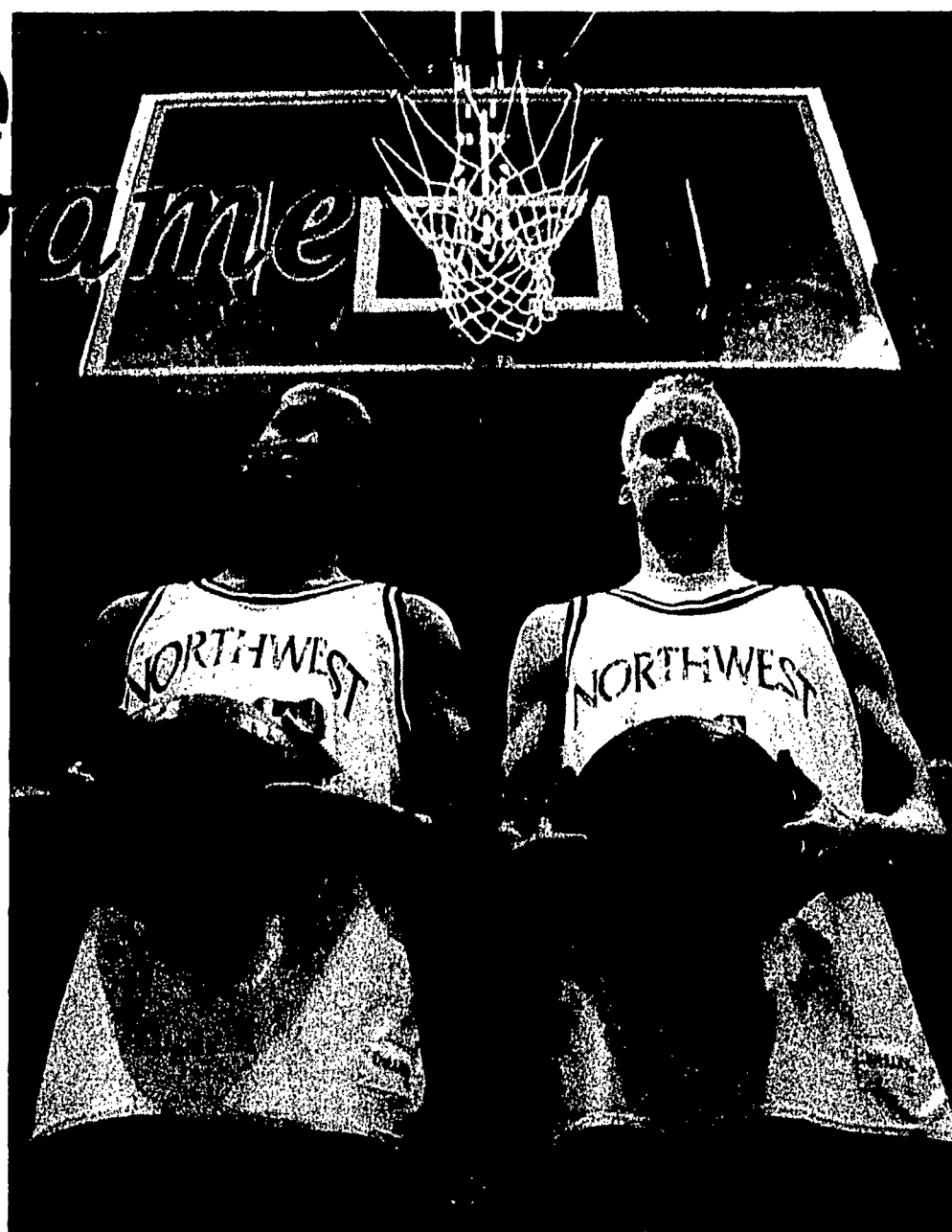
"My final choices were between here and the University of Nebraska-Kearney, and when I came here the coaches were professional and showed me how much they were dedicated in winning," Fleming said.

Having the chance to play basketball for the Bearcats helped Jeter decide to come to Northwest after thinking about the possibilities of attending Division I universities for academics and not basketball.

"I was thinking of not even playing basketball when I was accepted to KU and MU but in back of the my mind I couldn't think of what I could have done if I wouldn't have played basketball," Jeter said.

As the two freshmen have battled day in and out in practice to get playing time, things have shown to be different from high school.

"Players are a lot more physical and there are a lot of guys that are



Freshman guards Archie Jeter (left) and Scott Fleming are giving their all and helping the Northwest men's basketball team compete for the conference title. "They both have taken different

paths, but it is hard for any freshman to play in this league and they have done extraordinary jobs in what they have done," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

24 years old and we're only 18 and 19 and that plays a significant difference in playing guys that are six years older," Fleming said. "Going on the road was a lot different in high school because you only drove for about 20 minutes to games, but in college your traveling four hours and you got people yelling and screaming things at you that wouldn't be allowed in high school."

Jeter said one of the main things he has learned is how to

prepare for each game physically and emotionally, while taking each loss to a different perspective.

With the loss of three starting seniors after this season, it will be vital for Fleming and Jeter to step in and make their games stronger next year.

"A lot of guys as sophomores tend to level off their second year, but I think these guys have the right kind of attitudes and will to accomplish better things next year," Tappmeyer said.

PERSONAL STATISTICS

SCOTT FLEMING
6'2"
162 pounds
Guard
Liberty
ARCHIE JETER
6'4"
192 pounds
Guard/Forward
St. Joseph

Cagers prep for final two road games

By JUSTIN MCALEER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest women's basketball team has its back against the wall coming into the final week of the season.

The 'Cats were seeking their first conference win against Truman State University Wednesday after losing their 15th-straight game, 79-69, to Missouri Western State College Saturday. The 'Cats need to win their last three games of the regular season to make into the MIAA conference tournament.

As Northwest heads down the stretch, they are playing their best basketball of the season, head coach Gene Steinmeyer said.

"We are just starting to get excited," Steinmeyer said.

Different from Steinmeyer's more successful teams the 'Cats are still excited to be playing and are not tired of coming to the gym.

Northwest hopes to use excitement as an advantage in the final two weeks of regular season play.

"Things are starting to click," senior center Denise Sump said. "We've hit our groove. We know we can play with teams high in the conference."

The 'Cats have six seniors who are nearing the end of their careers at Northwest.

"We just want to go out and play hard and up to our capabilities," Sump said. "We want to do our best for ourselves and for our team."

In the second half of the conference season the 'Cats have had an amazing turnaround in their quality of play.

"I judge their progress by a ladder," Steinmeyer said. "The first half of the season we were on the second rung. Now, we're nearing the top, but just can't reach it."

However, to win, the 'Cats must hold a lead going into the last five minutes of a game, he said.

"We've only had one lead with five minutes left and that wasn't a very big one against Emporia," Steinmeyer said. "We have to have a lead and then grab the game by the throat. When we are down, we have a tough mountain to climb."

The 'Cats control their own destiny in the final three games when they face University of Missouri-Rolla (3-11, 5-17) 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Rolla, Washburn University (5-9, 11-14) 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bearcat Arena and Missouri Southern State College (2-12, 4-18) next Saturday.

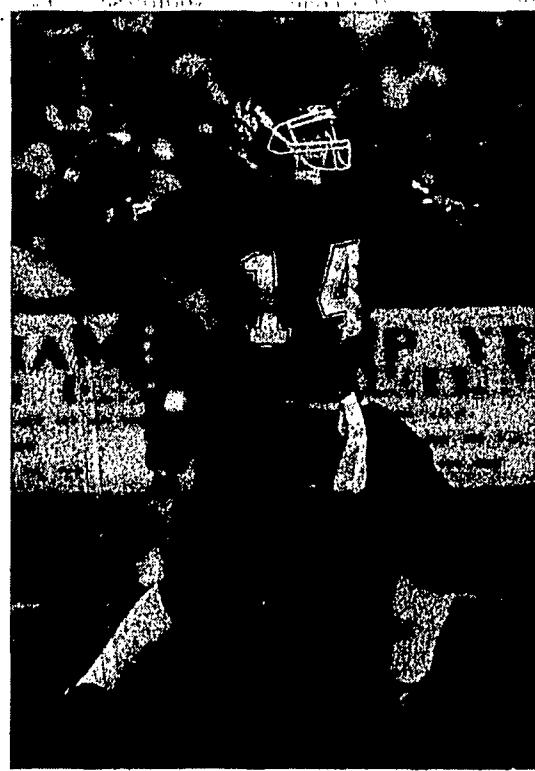
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Sportsmanship, Stroller style

I've got to be honest with you. Every time Missouri Western State College comes to town, my forest green Bearcat blood boils with the idea of trouncing that school into oblivion.

No matter what the sport, I always revel in a good old-fashioned pounding of the Griffons. Yet, Saturday at the basketball games, I was actually embarrassed to call myself a Bearcat.

I am all for cheering and even advocate a little heckling of the other team. I think Tapp's Troops are some of the greatest fans I have ever seen, because they stand the whole game and are hardly ever silent. I have been to many games this year where they do a wonderful job of supporting the 'Cats no matter the score.

When Mo. West fans started to turn into Neanderthals, we stooped to their level faster than Campus Safety could give a ticket for parking where you are not supposed to be.

I do believe that the Griffon fans started it. When we did our traditional spelling cheer of "Bearcats," they spelled "sucks" right after it. Just a small reminder to the Griffons: Bearcats is a plural noun, so the verb that follows it should be a singular; in this instance, "suck." Say it out loud and maybe you will under-



THE STROLLER

stand. Those highly educated Griffons also started chanting "our house," one of my personal favorite cheers, about four minutes into the game, when they were obviously in our gym, and the game was far from over, as they found out later.

They also had a group of highly sophisticated individuals who stopped at nothing to complain about anything from the journalists covering the game to loudly cursing at the referees.

It was the worst single display of bad sportsmanship I have ever seen, and our own athletic director could not even get them to relent.

All of this is to be expected from a place that is not even a university. It became quite obvious that manners are not stressed at Mo. West. What

made me sad is some of my fellow Bearcats stooped to their level.

I saw one of our cheerleaders grab his genitalia in the Griffon fans' general direction, when little kids were trying to compete in a contest.

When the "male" Bearcat steppers took the floor for halftime entertainment, they altered the same dance they had performed previously by throwing their T-shirts off and pointing to their own private parts. It was rude, inconsiderate, and disgusting. All of you who took part should be ashamed to look in the mirror.

I love great competition just as much as any other Bearcat. There is nothing better than a great sports rivalry to make for an entertaining evening.

Our players were outstanding, taking numerous intentional fouls, keeping their heads, and pulling out an amazing victory.

It's just a shame some of our fellow students couldn't follow their lead.

If you want to act like a moron, please attend a pro wrestling event, and not a Bearcat game. At least there, your peers accept it.

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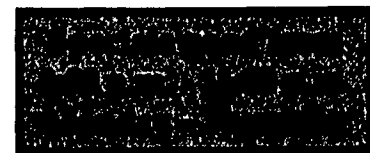
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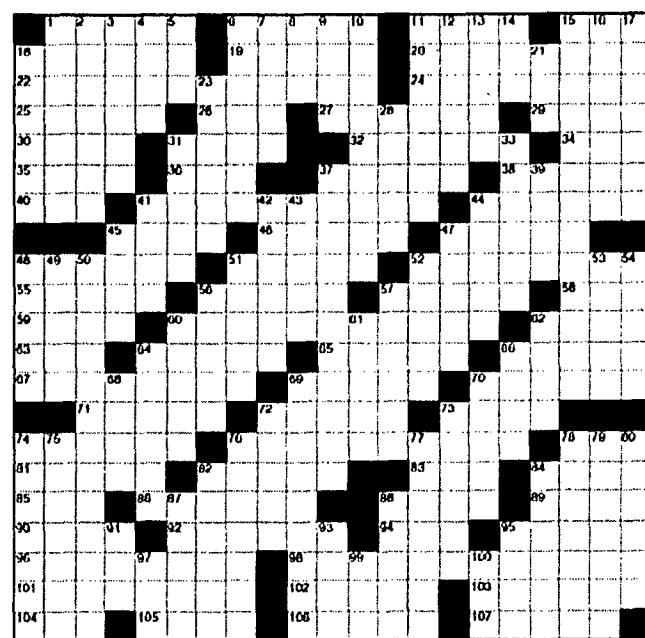
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25. Recorder button
26. Etchings, etc.
27. Italian frozen dessert
29. North California county
30. Ann or May
31. Behave like an ass
32. Relatives of 54 Down
34. Cancel: slang
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36. Norma
37. 99's partner
38. The Open Boat author
40. Domicile: abbr.
41. A bee's life?
44. Confined (with "up")
45. Fox's tail
46. Surfaced
47. Montana mining hub
48. Succeed
51. Litigious ones
52. Environmental observance
55. Bond foe, Stavro Blofeld
56. Insert mark
57. NASA booster
58. George's brother
59. Run in the Hambletonian
60. Flower vendor?
62. Champagne bucket
63. Just recruited



64. Egotists, often
65. Parking lot sign
66. Tobacco shop offering
67. Blooper-reel footage
69. Hailey novel
70. Cotton Bowl site
71. Stows away
72. Swinelike critter
73. "Peepers"
74. Rebecca's bar
76. Islands of flowers?
78. A
81. A Rage to Live author
82. Writer Tom or Thomas
83. Cat nap spot
84. UMW workplace
85. DDE VP
86. Rudimentary read
88. Diving birds
89. Hill dwellers
90. Naomi's daughter-in-law
92. Mounts a soapbox

94. Ms. Lupino
95. Writer Dillard
96. Safe and sound
98. "Roses are red," for example?
101. Gala event
102. Petruchio, for one
103. Yahoos
104. Craggy peak
105. Any guard, in Cool Hand Luke
106. Suidae suites
107. Cobbler, at times

10. Hawthorne's birthpl.
11. Place for plays
12. Hockey team, at the outset
13. Loathe
14. Old car
15. Display a bouquet?
16. Sweet girl of song
17. Copied on a certain copier
18. TV oldie, My Mother, _____
21. Do one's darndest
23. Flourish after a signature
28. Paper you can break
31. French city famed for its chicken?
33. Walter and Winfield
37. Randy Newman hit of 1977
39. Zuckerman Unbound author
41. Clubs, e.g.
42. Ashley and

- Hobson
43. Fish basket
44. To remedy, in Mexico
45. Oscar-winning, supposedly
47. Haymaker?
48. Geo model
49. Pianist Claudio
50. Advice to a botany student?
51. Gorges
52. A Barrymore
53. Where retrial fought
54. Bolt units
56. Largest asteroid
57. Toward the rudder
60. Moves slowly
61. Take off the tether
62. Reform targets
64. Unjust accusation: slang
66. _____ au rum
68. Bleachers level
69. Staff layoffs?
70. Tap troubles
72. Vacancy sign
73. Bullet train boarder, maybe
74. Lacking integrity
75. Saki, the writer
76. Ointments for ducktails
77. Ones that got away
78. Resembling a feather
79. Siren
80. Bowling alley buttons
82. Electricians
84. Masculine
87. Juliet's guy
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93. Immediately, in hospitals
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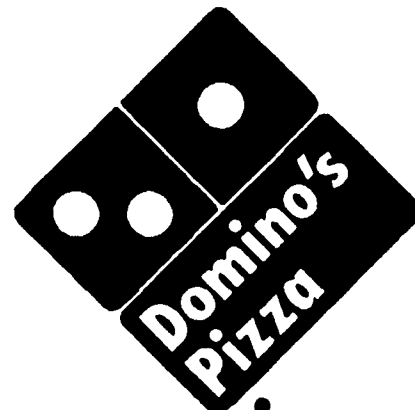
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